$185 Million Health Bill Signed by President

President Nixon Saturday signed a bill authorizing $185 million over the next three years to improve emergency medical services in areas of need.

Mr. Nixon had vetoed an earlier version, largely because it included a provision requiring the continued operation of eight Public Health Service hospitals the administration wants to close. The provision has been added to another bill.

The emergency medical services bill increases from 50 to 75 per cent the federal share of grants for manpower, training and equipment to improve such services. Twenty per cent of the money is earmarked for rural areas.